

I REMEMBER  
EVERYTHING  
YOU TAUGHT ME  
HERE



## LOVE LETTER TO A LIBRARY

A public artwork by Steve Locke  
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I LEARNED ABOUT MY CITY HERE.  
I RESEARCHED GRANTS HERE.  
I FOUND A PLACE TO LIVE HERE.  
I MET WARHOL HERE.  
I FELL IN LOVE HERE.  
I MOURNED MY MOTHER HERE.

THIS IS MY LOVE LETTER.  
TO OUR LIBRARY.  
PUBLIC.  
FREE TO ALL.

*Tell what you learned. Tell what you remember.*

*Memories of/from the Adams Street Branch*



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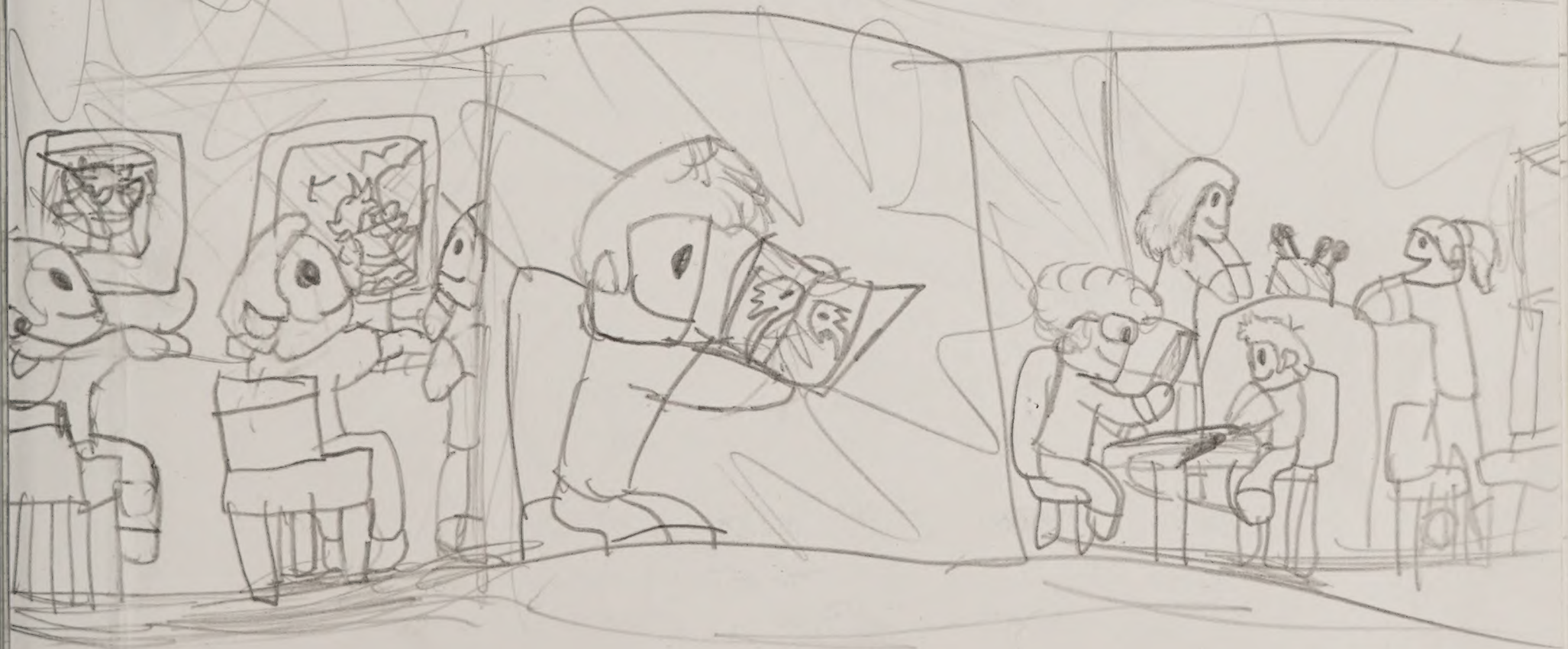
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This library is probably the best library  
I have ever been to, I have been making a lot  
of friends in this library especially Barry  
and Abraham, they were close friends.  
And the nicest librarian I've ever met  
was Mrs. Megan, and also I loved the  
books at this library, and the computers  
that we got to play on. And this library  
helped me with my homework a lot  
such as, math, reading, and writing. Thank  
you Adams Street Library.





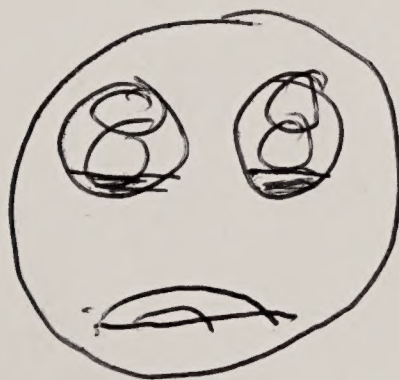
This library is the  
Best library in the words  
We have so thing to  
do like read or use the  
computer

The librarians are always helpful  
in finding what I need. I love  
the graphic novel section

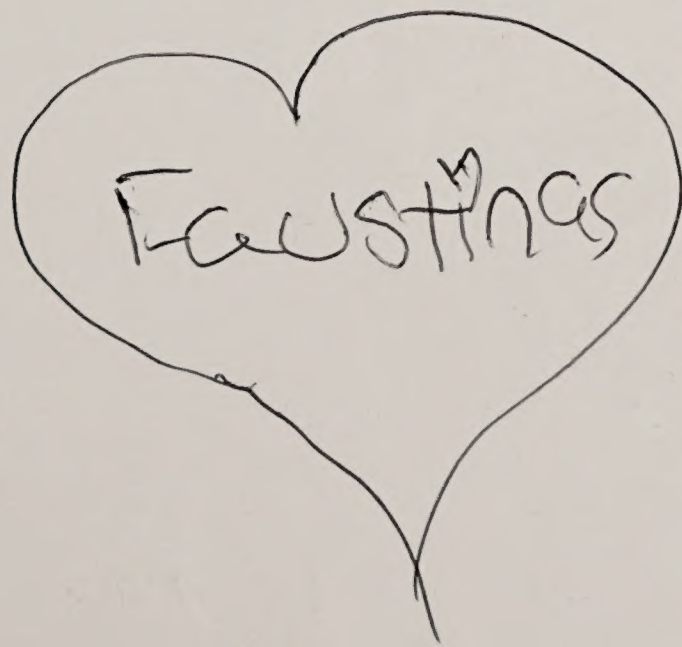
I remember that I  
~~was~~ ~~made~~ Decided an  
old recorde and  
that me and  
my Friend would  
come her and  
eat and laugh  
Faustinas wrote  
this ♡



Happy and



Sad





This library is my second home -  
Kate is great!!!

Christina

My wife and I have been coming  
here every week for years! We've read  
most of the books, we think, + we pick up  
orders from other libraries, here. We don't  
know what we'd do without the Adams Street  
Library!

Jon + Jakki



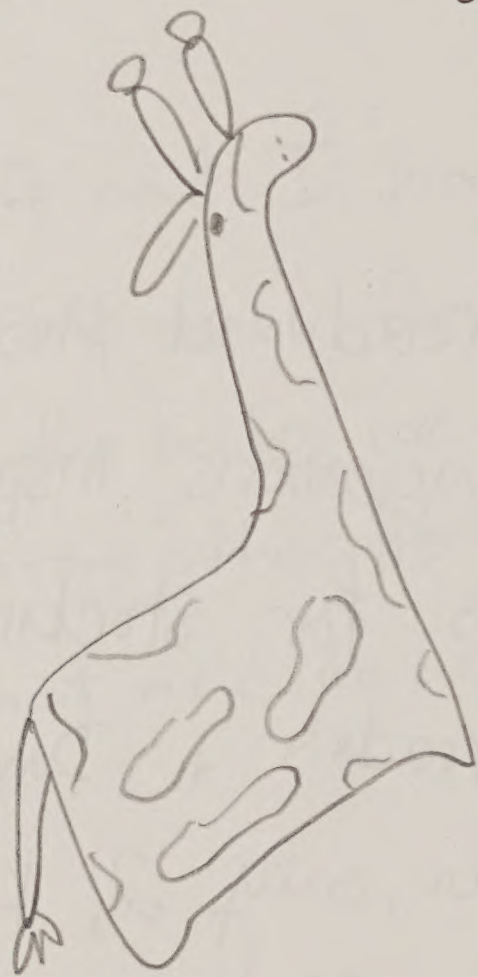
I've been coming since I was 7 years old; Always have  
fun. One of the best things about Boston!

My son learned to read at this library  
through Ms. Meaghan's suggestions, inspiration &  
curated selections. Thanks for stocking all  
the Bob books, easy readers + Dav Pilkey  
Comics! My daughter, only 2, knows  
how to spell her name + all the ABCs  
because of the wonderful resources here. She  
loves to play the matching games, do the  
puzzles sit in the elbow chair + sing  
along at story time.

Thanks BPL for enriching  
our family!



my children love  
this library!  
it's a place  
everyone really  
loves  
your name!  
it  
where  
knows



I've been here since I was  
a little girl and it's the  
best library because it's small  
and everyone knows each other  
and it feels like home here.

Adams St Library  
is the best

—Tracy Li

The Harkey  
Family, and the Smith  
Family love  
my 70-year-old parents  
world in w/ me last year!  
has been a God-send  
My dad hits up this library  
for her recommended  
mystery/adventure picks  
everyone always so helpful,  
wonderful atmosphere.  
Thank you!



My Name is Ms. Vall.

My memory and best lesson learned here at Adams St  
Library is tolerance and commitment. The People here  
are extremely tolerant and I've seen the things they have  
put up with and are committed to the work they do with  
anyone that walks through this door. I thank you, People  
at Adams St. Branch Library, Val, OANH, Hong & Katie!  
For giving me the best years of my life in a library!

Love, Ms. Vall

I have been ~~off~~ coming here since  
I was really little. Everyone is nice  
- Sarah

The Library is my  
favorite place to  
get books.  
- Niamh have been

Coming to the library

I  
for a very long time I come here  
every day to do my homework also,  
tran He homework helper helps  
me with my homework

the Library is full  
of imagination ~~Mama~~



My mom was a  
children's librarian. One day  
we came to storyhour with  
my young children. The children's  
librarian was sick that day,  
so my mom filled in. That was  
at least 15 years ago. She's  
now passed on but I'll always  
have a soft spot for ALL librarians  
in my heart.

(EH)



September, 2018

At 13 Years old I was in a library in Phoenix, Arizona. I was sent to Arizona ~~because~~ to live with my Father. My mother was deemed "UnFit" to live with and so the State of Massachusetts - in all its Bureaucratic wisdom decided I should live with A Father who had a lengthy Criminal history, and a ~~reput~~ reputation for being on the Sadistic Side. During my time with him I was sent to the local hospital three times for 1st and 2nd degree Burns - ~~comp~~ consequences of his Sadism. I was not Allowed to have any contact with my Mom in Massachusetts, nor was I Allowed to have any money of my own. When I was free from him I hid at the local library and got to know the librarians. I devised a Plan to get home at this library. AS all librarians know there are always Flyers cluttering their desks

(cont)




along with a Box of Short Stubby  
Pencils. The Back of the Flyers were  
usually Blank, and I used that  
Blank sides and Stubby Pencils to write  
to my mother. The librarians sensing I  
was in trouble donated Envelopes, and  
stamps so I could mail the letters  
I wrote to my mom. Because of  
those librarians help I ~~made it~~  
got away from my Father, and made  
it back to Massachusetts. Those Flyers  
with the Blank Back, and those  
Stubby Pencils might well have saved  
my life - I'm at least sure they  
saved me more trips to the emergency  
room.

Sincerely  
Susan Johnson


Note: THANKS to  
"All" the librarians  
who have helped  
me through the  
years.





I've been coming here since I was tiny I love  
This library sooo much  all of The books here are  
amazing!!! my all-time favorite books are The whole  
Jeromino stilton! Thank you all Librarians for everything

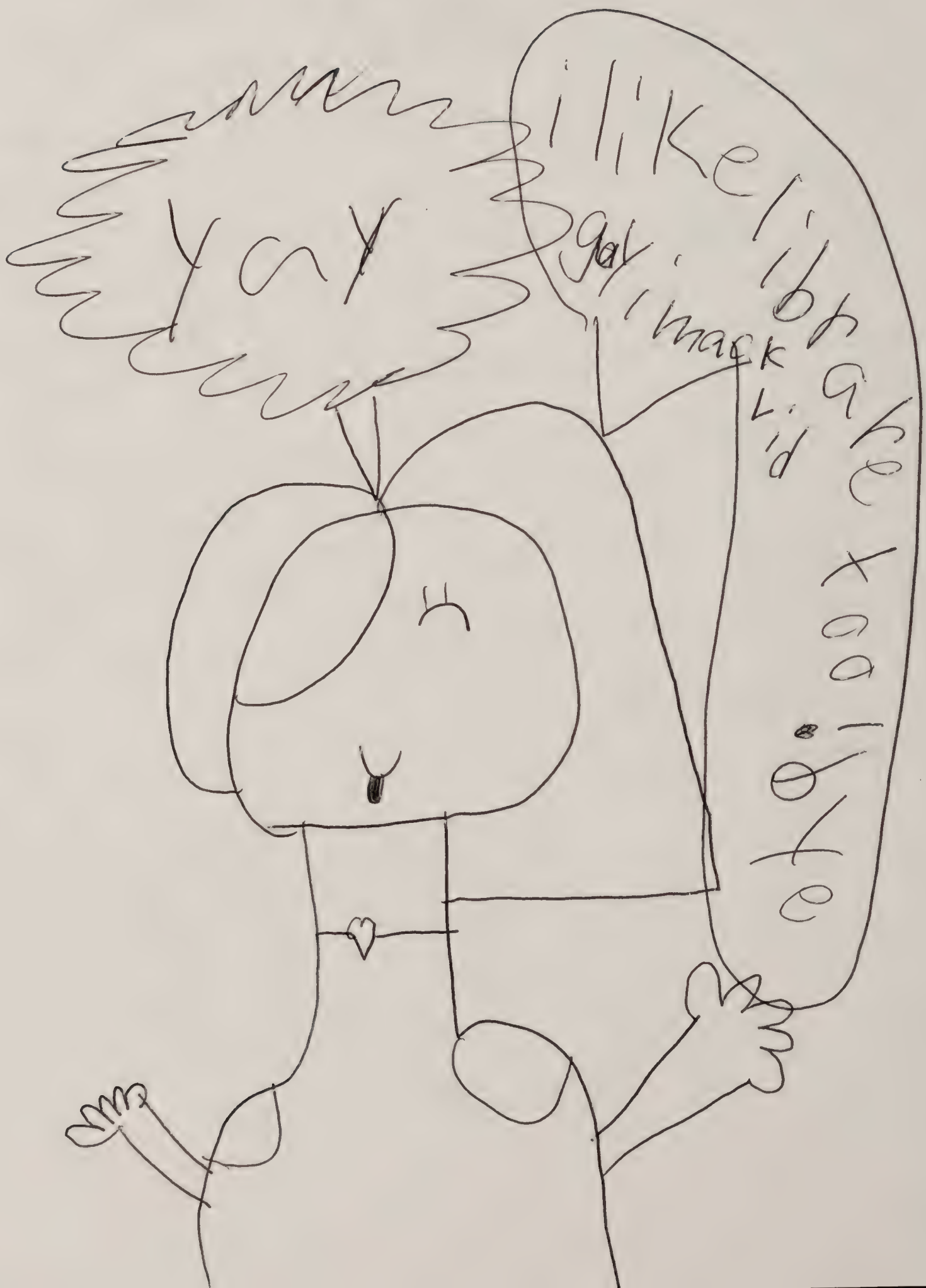


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Thoria

The Adams Street Library is the  
Place to be! Children get help  
with homework during the school  
year.

Ruth







Sharlynn ~~Wim~~ Seven  
I like doing mmm

art and craft and i like  
reading and the craft

are fun too! and

mage too i like

reading too her! oh and

She a dog oh and i like  
to play with the

computer and doll houses.



Thu 28<sup>th</sup>  
Sept

We love popping into the  
Adams Street Library on our  
walks around the neighbourhood!

I am teaching my son Declan  
(2 yrs ~~old~~ <sup>young</sup>) a love of Books for life

Thank You

Cecilia Stanford  
Hinet St.

#BringBackSweetValleyHighBooks ♡



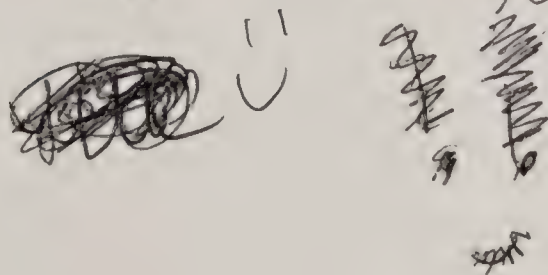
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This library is great. I  
come after school to read  
sometimes. Thanks so much!

-Katie Kelly  
(Is awesome!)

This is the best place  
to get books from. I love

the books they got me - me





This library rocks  
we go here every month  
actively every ~~we~~ week.  
ccps  
Declan James Tack



We enjoy the programs  
and appreciate everything

Ms. Meaghan does ☺

B & Cardyn Tack

The Library is my  
happy place - Niamh



I Love Lego

CLUB



Hi

-kui

The Library  
has the best  
BOOKS!

Hi!

How are  
you?



thank you



Love



Arrivederci!


(Translation: See you later!)

(It's Italian)





# BELLA LU



I always loved the library!  
I grew up near Mattapan  
Square during the sixties. Many  
Saturdays, my brothers and I  
would walk up Blue Hill Ave to  
Hazelton St, to the Mattapan  
Branch Library. It was a bit  
of a walk for us, but it was  
worth it! So many books - I  
didn't know where to start.

Later, the Bookmobile would come  
on Wednesday afternoons to the  
corner of Cummins Highway and  
River St. - a much easier walk! Grace  
Spbard

Oct 31, 2018

I went to Liberty  
School here ~ 1962-1963

Elayne Holmes

My Mom & Dad  
I always loved your library!  
I grew up in a very small town  
and lived across from you. During the  
summer I went to visit you almost daily.  
I would get books and sit out on the porch  
and read for hours. I don't think you  
as after anymore, but still love and  
appreciate you. Love you!

THIS  
IS GOOD  
PLACE  
FOR BOOKS  
😊

hi



Nov. 7, 2018

Greetings to all the Adam Street Librarians,  
I have many fond memories of this  
library. When I was 8 years old in 1953 I was  
allowed to walk here by myself from Belton St.  
In the summer I would come here daily and  
get 2 new books. I spent many happy hours  
browsing my way through the children's room.  
I even tried to teach myself to be a  
ballerina with the help of a few library  
books! The dancing never materialized, but  
I did become an avid reader.

Thanks for the memories!

Carly Lake Wain





I Love the library.

Jane  
Blanch

I come to the library every day  
w/ my cousin. We love coming to  
to our H.W.

Ques

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I Love  
Coming to the  
library, I  
can't wait  
for the new  
Renovations



Jay

↗  
ditto!  
June









There are  
Good looking!



WIKIE

THE  
RARE  
BEE

it has the best  
MOVES ever!

~~CAN READ~~

~~SENSE~~

I like book: P2











